

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 12, through page 13, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

The central server 130 is part of a network of hundreds or thousands of servers composing the content delivery system, which also includes the servers 150. For more information about the content delivery system, see the following patent applications: U.S. Application No. 08/779,770 filed January 7, 1997 entitled "Replica Routing", U.S. Application No. 09/294,836 filed April 19, 1999 entitled "Self-Organizing Distributed Appliances", U.S. Application No. 09/294,837 filed April 19, 1999 entitled "Replica Routing", U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/160,535 filed October 20, 1999 entitled "Automatic Network Address Assignment and Translation Inference", U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/177,415 filed January 21, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for a Minimalist Approach to Implementing Server Selection", U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/178,062 filed January 24, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Determining a Network Topology in the presence of Network Translation", U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/178,063 filed January 24, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Automatic Network Address Assignment", U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/177,985 filed January 25, 2000 entitled "Fast-Changing Network Status and Load Monitoring and Feedback", U.S. ~~Non-Provisional Patent Application~~ ^{now U.S. Patent No. 6,052,718, "Methods and Apparatus for Remote Configuration of an Appliance as a Network", now U.S. Patent No. 6,345,799} having Attorney's Docket No. ~~2762-2001-002-09/535,279~~ ^{"Methods and Apparatus for Routing Requests in a Network", now U.S. Patent No. 6,505,259} filed March 24, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Automatic Network Address Assignment", and U.S. Patent Application No. 2762-2007-000 09/642,165 filed ~~March 31~~ ^{August 18}, 2000 entitled "A Minimalist Approach to Implementing Server Selection Through Use of Server Measurements to DNS Proxies." The teachings of all are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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